California Energy Commission

PON-14-503

Pre Application Questions and Answers

Natural Gas Pipeline Safety and Damage Prevention Grant

Contents

Questions Regarding Projects

1. Are there any more details on the Project Groups?

   a. Details on the Project Groups are described in the PON-14-503 application manual, pages 9 -10.

2. Section II, B, 2b-1: Can the solution be cloud-hosted or must it be on the premise? Are there any IT polices/standards that applicants should be aware of?

   a. The solution can be cloud-hosted or be on the premise depending on the applicant's proposed solution. Applicants should be aware of any and all applicable information technology (IT) policies and standards including but not limited to the following: Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration policies and standards, National Association of Corrosion Engineers standards, National Institute of Standards and Technology standards, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers industry standards, American Society of Mechanical Engineers standards, and American Society for Testing and Materials standards. Additional details on information technology services and instructions for submitting electronic files and developing software can be found on page 4 of the PON-14-503 solicitation manual and on pages 4 and 5 of the Attachment 6 Scope of Work Template. All information technology services must comply with the electronic file format requirements described in the Attachment 6 Subtask 1.1 (Products) of the Scope of Work.

3. Section II, B, 2b-1: In addition to pipeline infrastructure data, what other datasets are considered essential for situational awareness? Is there a list of the types of information to be captured (spatial and tabular) in the system?

   a. It is the applicant's responsibility to further research and consider all required, applicable and related datasets essential for situational awareness when responding to this solicitation. There is not a list of the types of information to be captured (spatial and tabular) in the natural gas pipeline infrastructure system information.

4. Section II, B, 2b-2: Information sharing needs to be considered in normal condition vs emergency situation. Are there specific criteria for these two unique conditions?

   a. No. However, it is the applicant's responsibility to consider all required and applicable criteria for normal and emergency conditions, and present solutions for rapid and accurate information sharing for each situation, while responding to this solicitation.

5. Section II, B, 2b-2: What events will trigger alerts for messages (texts, emails, phone calls) to be transmitted to relevant parties?

   a. It is the applicant's responsibility to consider all required and applicable events that would trigger alerts for messages to be transmitted to relevant parties.

6.   Does the CEC currently have a data sharing agreement in place with PG&E, SDG&E, and SoCalGas?

      a. No.

7.   Is it possible to submit similar or identical proposals to more than one solicitation? What would happen if both were awarded?

      a. Yes, it is allowable to submit similar or identical proposals to more than one solicitation. However, the Energy Commission will not fund duplicative research. If both proposals passed and ranked high enough for funding, then the proposal deemed most appropriate by the Energy Commission would be eligible for an award.

Match Funding Questions

8.   Can the building facility be used as match funding?

      a. No, the building facility cannot be used as match funding.

9.   Are commitment letters required?

      a. Please refer to Part III, item C.11, page 15 of the PON-14-503 application manual which states the requirements for commitment letters.